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RICE Hydro, Inc. Promoting STEM Education by Giving Back!

(Carson City, Nev., July 2, 2019) – Carson City based RICE Hydro, Inc. continues its long tradition of supporting STEM education throughout North America. Recently, the company donated one of their MTP-15 Manual Hand Operated Hydrostatic test pumps to Concordia University in Montreal, Canada. These contributions assisted the university’s program in obtaining several wins at the Base 11 Competition in the Phase 1 Preliminary Design Review (PDR) held at Cal-Tech in June 2019.

Base 11 Space Challenge is a program in which university students compete to design, build, and launch a liquid-propelled, single-stage rocket to an altitude of 100 kilometers (the Karman Line) by December 30, 2021. A purse of \$1 million prize is up for grabs. The program’s mission is to dramatically increase the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) talent in the United States and Canada. Additionally, the program strives to promote a greater representation and inclusion of women and minorities within the STEM fields while empowering the future workforce with the education and skill-training necessary for jobs in the aerospace and related industries.

Concordia University placed 2nd in the PDR category and received a \$15,000 award for their efforts. The University of Michigan placed first with Portland State University coming in third. Additionally, Concordia University was recognized by Dassault Systemes for their adoption of Dassault’s 3DEXPERIENCE platform for designing and collaborating on the project.

Concordia University and their Space Concordia program aims to teach and train young scientists and engineers through hands-on work and encourages an attitude of persistence and collaboration.

About RICE Hydro, Inc.

RICE Hydro was established in 1976 by Allen Rice, a Harvard University graduate who retired from a career in the water municipality industry. Rice was desirous of staying busy and took a position with a local rental yard in San Diego California. During this period, he recognized the



contractor need for a hydrostatic test pump, versus an adapted pressure washer to test pressurized lines. Rice began designing the first hydrostatic test system, one that allowed for ease of operation; precision, reliability and rapid results. From humble beginnings out of his garage in El Cajon California, the first RICE hydrostatic test pump was constructed - the ST-1, a 5 HP roller pump, with a flow rate of 5 GPM, and an output pressure of 300 PSI.

Over the years, the product line has evolved to include, not only Hydrostatic Test Pumps, but also: Fire Hose Testers, Post Hole Diggers, Hand Test Pumps and Shoring Pressure Pumps. Serving the needs of commercial, residential, municipal, industrial, military, and all types of contractors, RICE Hydro provides clients with exceptional testing, pumping and digging solutions.

For more than four decades, RICE Hydro has been the industry leader in design and manufacturing of superior quality products. Their systems are versatile, dependable and have the highest level of customer satisfaction.

- The inventor of the original Hydrostatic Test Pump, RICE Hydro –

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